

Tasking Memorandum No. 99-175

Memorandum For Cdrs DCMDs, DCMC CAOs

Subject: "Commercial item Designations" (TASKING)

Date: May 12, 1999

Suspense Date: May 27, 1999

Target Audience: Administrative Contracting Officers (ACOs), Corporate Administrative Contracting Officers (CACOs)

Requirement(s):


- A Commercial Designations IPT, sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, is reviewing Government and industry concerns with commercial item determinations (FAR 12.1, Acquisition of Commercial Items), especially those instances where contracting **officers** have made different decisions regarding the same item.
- Among the IPT's functions are to evaluate the consistency of determinations that have been accomplished, assess impacts of differing interpretations of the definition of commercial items, explore whether these concerns warrant a change in the process used to designate items as commercial, and determine whether additional guidance is needed regarding what makes an item or service commercial. A listing of IPT members is attached.
- At a recent IPT meeting, industry representatives reported that ACOs and CACOs are in some cases making recommendations (sometimes phrased as decisions) on the commerciality of items or services. The purpose of this tasking is not to encourage or discourage our involvement in this area - it is to assess our current level of involvement in making commercial item or service determinations. It would assist us greatly if ACOs and CACOs who are or have been involved in making determinations of commerciality could informally report on their level of activity, and how they are arriving at their recommendations. Please respond via **email** or telephonically to the points of contact listed below.
- PLAS process code 041 is appropriate for activity under this tasking

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Attachment